





*John Dick*

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# TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

JOHN DICK, SURGEON.

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRECEPTOR AND  
THE DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN'S HOSPITAL.

GENTLEMEN,

I take the liberty of offering myself as a Candidate for the situation of Surgeon to the Town's Hospital, and submit to your consideration the annexed Testimonials.

I have now been in practice above twenty years, and held the situation of District Surgeon for nearly nine—affording me an ample field for the acquirement of professional knowledge. During this period, our City was not only visited by Cholera, but Fever has also been epidemic; and its prevalence and severity unprecedented. Although on these occasions the consequent labour and fatigue of the District Surgeons have been very great, yet, from a sincere desire to discharge the duties entrusted to me, as a public servant, in an efficient manner, I always considered that the poor and destitute residing in my district, whether properly belonging to the City or not, had a special claim to my professional services; and these have on every occasion, and under all circumstances, been freely rendered them.

The instructions from the Hospital have been strictly and rigidly adhered to, by regularly visiting the patients personally, and by having my Report Book drawn up and

placed before the Committee at every weekly meeting, without a single exception: and, when I state that I have only been two entire days absent from town during the whole time of my connexion with the Hospital, the occasions on which my personal attendance has not been available were very few indeed.

In my intercourse with the Board of Health, and other Committees of the Citizens for the relief of the sick and suffering poor, I endeavoured to make myself as generally useful as circumstances would permit.

In conclusion, while I would consider my election as a great personal honour, and hope, by my attention to the duties of the situation, to justify the Directors in the propriety of their choice, I may be permitted to observe that the appointment of a District Surgeon would operate as a stimulus and an encouragement to my professional brethren in the discharge of duties frequently very laborious, and at all times of the highest importance.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN DICK.

GLASGOW, 2, London Street, }  
*May* 1840. }

## TESTIMONIALS.

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*From the KIRK SESSION of St. Andrew's Parish.*

At Glasgow, the 17th day of March, 1840 years,—

The Session of St. Andrew's Parish, being met  
and Constituted,—

The Session understanding that Mr. John Dick, the Surgeon attached to this District of the City, was a Candidate for the situation of House Surgeon to the Town's Hospital, unanimously agreed to record the warm sense entertained by them of the professional services rendered by Mr. Dick to the poor of the Parish, for the whole period (now extending to between eight and nine years,) during which he has held the office, and earnestly to recommend him to the favourable notice of the Directors of the Hospital, as being, in the opinion of the Members of Session, in every way fully qualified for the office of House Surgeon. And they appointed the Clerk to furnish Mr. Dick with an Extract of this Minute.

Extracted from the Minutes of Session, by

R. STRANG, Sess. Clk.

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*From JOHN MITCHELL, Esq., Elder, St. James' Parish.*

It affords me pleasure to give my humble testimony to the worth, character, and abilities of Mr. John Dick, one of our District Surgeons.

I have been in the charge of a Proportion in St. James' Parish to which Mr. Dick is appointed for these twenty years past, and, during that period, I have had occasion to notice the manner in which the different Surgeons that have been appointed in that time for that District have performed their duties; and I am happy to say that Mr. Dick, since he was appointed, has earned for himself, in my estimation, and also in that of the inhabitants who have had the benefit of his valuable services, the highest gratitude and praise.

This has arisen from his promptness in visiting every case personally which I sent to him—for his unwearied attention in the skill, in the treatment, and the success, under the blessing of God, of the numerous cases he has attended; and also, though last not least, for the humane feeling, christian and soothing manner in which he converses with his patients. For these reasons, I am satisfied that if the Directors of the Town's Hospital elect him as Surgeon, they will have no cause to repent their choice.

JOHN MITCHELL,

8th May, 1840.

Greenhead Rope-work.

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*From MR. A. MACNAB, Elder, and Parochial Teacher,  
St. James' Parish.*

With Mr. Dick, one of the District Surgeons connected with St. James' Parish, I have been acquainted for several years, and it affords me the greatest pleasure to bear the most unqualified testimony to his merits. The promptness which he always manifested in visiting the various cases prescribed to him, the assiduity with which he has watched over his patients, and the great success which has so uniformly attended him in the discharge of his professional duties, merit my warmest approbation.

ALLAN MACNAB.

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*From WILLIAM THOMSON, Jun., Esq., Superintendent of  
Sessional Poor.*

I have had ample means of knowing, that a more assiduous and attentive Surgeon in District practice than Mr. Dick, of



London Street, has not held office under the Directors of the Town's Hospital since the date at which he entered upon the duties of the First District, in 1831. During all that time, my residence has been in the centre of his District, and as a Director of the Hospital for the greatest part of the time, as well as a Member of the Board of Health during the time of the Cholera, I always found occasion to admire his fidelity in practice, as well as the prudent and judicious manner in which he conducted the business of his District. And in his professional skill I would place unlimited confidence.

WILLM. THOMSON, Jun.

GLASGOW, 25th Feb., 1840.

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*From* ROBT. DALGLISH, Esq., *late Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow.*

As Chairman of the Board of Health established when Cholera and Fever were so prevalent, in the year 1832, I have much pleasure in certifying that Mr. John Dick discharged his duties as District Surgeon, and as having the charge of the cases occurring in the quarter of the City allocated to him, in a manner highly satisfactory to the gentlemen connected with the Board, and most creditable to himself.

ROBT. DALGLISH.

GLASGOW, 6th May, 1840.

*Note enclosing the above.*

Mr. Dalglish begs to hand Mr. Dick the Certificate made out by Mr. Strang, to which he has had much pleasure in annexing his name, as, in addition to what is mentioned there, Mr. D. had long experience of Mr. Dick's District practice; but the Gentlemen at the Town's Hospital will, he has no doubt, consider this along with the application.

GLASGOW, 7th May, 1840.

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*From* W. LYON, Esq., *one of the Surgeons to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.*

Mr. John Dick, Surgeon, London Street, has been known

to me for ten or eleven years immediately past. From my vicinity to him, our intercourse has been frequent, and I have had the best opportunities of gaining a knowledge of his abilities, acquirements, disposition, and manners ; he possesses excellent mental abilities, which he has improved by a good education, and enriched in professional information, by very extensive observation and study of disease, as well in a large practice, as in the field afforded by his situation as one of the District Surgeons.

I feel assured that Mr. Dick is competent for the performance of any professional duties : I am certain his strong conscientious principles will urge him to be zealous in any matter he undertakes : I know that his disposition is humane, and that his manners are gentle ; and, from these and his general professional acquirements, I am convinced he will, wherever placed, conduct himself with courtesy, attention, activity, and ability.

W. LYON.

GLASGOW, 48, London Street, }  
6th May, 1840.

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*From* DR. MACFARLANE.

I have had the pleasure of being well acquainted with Mr. John Dick, Surgeon, London Street, for several years. During that time, I have had a good deal of professional intercourse with him, and, on several occasions, have met him in consultation upon very serious and interesting cases of disease. I consider him to be a sound and well skilled practitioner, exceedingly attentive to his patients, and zealously devoted to his professional pursuits.

JOHN MACFARLANE, M. D.

Glasgow, 9th May, 1840.

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*From* DR. MACKENZIE.

This is to certify that having known Mr. John Dick, Surgeon in Glasgow, for a considerable number of years, and

having frequently met with him in consultation, I have had opportunities of witnessing the great regularity, skill, and humanity with which he exercises his profession. I consider him well qualified in all respects for the office of Surgeon to the Town's Hospital.

W. MACKENZIE, M. D.

Glasgow, 9th May, 1840.

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*From* DR. WILSON.

Mr. Dick, Surgeon, London Street, has been intimately known to me for many years, and it gives me much pleasure to state that I have always entertained a very high opinion of him, as an active, well qualified, and useful practitioner.

I have been often engaged with Dr. Dick in cases of consultation, and have been uniformly satisfied with the way he treated his patients, and pleased with his kind attention to them.

From all I have seen and know of Dr. Dick, it is my decided conviction that he will faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties of the situation for which he is at present a Candidate, and give ample satisfaction to all concerned.

JAMES WILSON, M. D.

Glasgow, 9th May, 1840.

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*From* THOS. GRAY, Esq., Surgeon.

I have known Mr. John Dick, Surgeon, for the last ten or twelve years—have often met him in practice, and have formed a very high opinion of him as a medical practitioner; and, understanding that he is a Candidate for the situation of Surgeon to the Town's Hospital, I consider him eminently qualified to fill that office, not only from his thorough knowledge of his profession, but from his long tried, successful, and kind treatment of, and unwearied attention to the poor of his District.

THOS. GRAY, Surgeon.

Glasgow, May 11th, 1840.

*From J. P. GLEN, Esq., Surgeon.*

I have known Mr. John Dick for many years—am in his immediate neighbourhood, and have had ample opportunities of appreciating his professional abilities; these I consider to be of a very high order, whilst, from my proximity to a thickly populated division of the District to which he is attached, I can bear testimony to his unwearied and humane attention to the poor placed under his charge. The conscientious manner in which his duties are fulfilled, his many amiable qualities, and the high character of his professional attainments, have long commanded my sincere respect; and it is with the highest pleasure I at present avail myself of an opportunity of recording the sense I entertain of his fitness for the situation for which he is a Candidate.

J. P. GLEN.

St. Andrew's Street, May 11th, 1840.

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*From JOHN CAMPBELL, Esq., Surgeon, R. N.*

Mr. John Dick, Surgeon, London Street, has been known to me intimately for ten years. During this period, we have been Members of the same Medical Literary Society, and have met often in consultation in important Medical and Surgical cases. On all occasions Mr. Dick has proved himself a skilful, painstaking Surgeon, well qualified, from his steadiness, activity, and humanity, to discharge the duties of Surgeon to the Town's Hospital.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Surgeon, R. N.

Kent Street, Glasgow, }  
14th May, 1840. }

# TABLE OF DISEASE IN DISTRICT No. I.

(From August, 1831, to May, 1840, inclusive.)

| Year.  |              |                  |        | Sent to Hospital. |        | Treated Privately. |        | Mortality.       |        |
|--------|--------------|------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
|        | Total Cases. | General Disease. | Fever. | General Disease.  | Fever. | General Disease.   | Fever. | General Disease. | Fever. |
| 1831   | 109          | 67               | 42     | 3                 | 7      | 74                 | 35     | 7                | —      |
| * 1832 | 481          | 291              | 190    | 32                | 60     | 259                | 130    | 43               | 11     |
| 1833   | 315          | 243              | 72     | 14                | 23     | 229                | 49     | 14               | 4      |
| 1834   | 332          | 251              | 81     | 26                | 32     | 225                | 49     | 23               | 1      |
| 1835   | 364          | 287              | 77     | 20                | 34     | 267                | 43     | 31               | 2      |
| 1836   | 410          | 253              | 157    | 13                | 74     | 240                | 83     | 27               | 2      |
| 1837   | 603          | 285              | 318    | 10                | 102    | 275                | 216    | 31               | 13     |
| 1838   | 397          | 269              | 128    | 13                | 41     | 256                | 87     | 27               | 9      |
| 1839   | 269          | 213              | 56     | 17                | 23     | 196                | 33     | 30               | 3      |
| 1840   | 179          | 114              | 65     | 11                | 27     | 103                | 38     | 17               | 1      |
|        | 3459         | 2273             | 1186   | 159               | 423    | 2114               | 763    | 255              | 46     |

\* Year in which Cholera appeared.

Proportion of Fever to General Disease,.....1 in 2·916.

Mortality in General Disease treated Privately,....1 in 8·281.

Do. in Fever, do. do. 1 in 16·586.



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